SHI'ITE BLOC WINNING BIG IN IRAQ

Rolling slate leads in early returns; Sanni predicts ‘disaster’

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起义奇：伊拉克叛乱宗教形势将产生一系列连锁反应。在选举日之后将不得不面对的政府将更加难以驾驭。”

Shiite leaders organized dozens of demonstrations in the past month as a show of support for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, the leading Shiite politician who has been targeted by Islamic State militants since they overran large parts of the country last summer.

But in a surprise move late last month, Sunni-led forces also began to organize protests against the government, calling on it to resign and install a more inclusive government.

The protests, which began in the capital, Baghdad, have since spread to other provinces, including Kirkuk, where Sunni leaders organized a demonstration demanding the resignation of the government.

As Sunni-led protests increase, the government has been forced to make concessions, including the appointment of a new governor for Kirkuk.

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Sunnis, who make up about 40% of the population, have been the main targets of ISIS attacks, and the protests reflect growing frustration with the government’s response.

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A TRIUMPH OF THE MIND

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he casual observer, Sultanov’s behavior—making music with one hand while the rest of his body was convulsed and mute—might have assumed he was a man who could walk or talk. But it was all an act, designed to create an audience that would watch him play. It was a demonstration of the vast potential of the human brain.

The audience barely stirred while Sultanov played, a few individuals slowly rising to get a better look at the star-spangled performer and his wife.
THE STRUGGLE ENDS

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to what happened, he dropped the phone and Dace heard wailing
imaging,” said Kramer. “This was not an unexpected demise.”
vealed a more precise cause of the death.
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vested life, can lead to fatal strokes, it did not contribute to the pian-
by Alexei’s favorite color — and had filled with the ashes and con-
Sultanov’s mothers, Natalia, went into her bedroom and stayed
muscled it up with popular tunes, such as Scott Joplin’s “Maple Leaf Rag” and
continuously broadened their set list of classics and rounds of Ft. Worth nursing homes and hospitals. They
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s on the 15th, having been in the early stages of rigor mortis. In filling out the
chest,” Dace said.
Dace and her mother remained motionless on their knees,
“Deep
s to pay for a plane ticket from Russia after his son’s death.
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spend her time on her porch, drinking her tea and talking to passersby.
She was determined to disperse the ashes over the
checks for a

A glass of vodka and a bit of bread mark a memorial to Sultanov.

Then she realized he wasn’t breathing.

fter the ceremony, Aileen Hummel, a music therapist who
As visitors came to the house to pay their respects, Dace often

Sometime after 10 p.m., Dace put Alexei to bed, reminding him

He faced a constellation of health issues,” the doctor said. “I

So, gingerly, she held the red tube up to the window. A puff of
dust and rose petals trailed out of the plane, disappearing into

The paramedics arrived a few minutes later, checking for a

she could hear no heartbeat.

With emergency equipment parked outside and word spread-
to the heavens, “with both hands.”

“She was there when he died, watching him breathe,” Dace said.

Dace grabbed Alexei’s body underneath his arms, her mother

Then Dace put her lips to his and tried to force air into his

Dace followed her husband’s long-stated wish to be cremat-

At about 9 a.m., she and Brown drove to the tiny private air-

Her mother, who was tending to the garden, ran inside.

Then she came back to the room where she and her husband had been

Then she asked her mother for her ashes, then instructed her
to place her husband on the floor to give him CPR.

Fylvania had been studied so many times, we knew the neuro-

Moments before Sultanov’s body was taken away, Dace found a pair of

“Can you call ambulance or something?” Dace urged the 911 operator.

This meant the damage Sultanov’s strokes had done to his

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As Sultanov’s ashes scatter over the Galveston, Texas, coastline, Dace says goodbye. “I knew he wanted me to do it,” she said later.